बड़ी लाईन में परिवर्तित करने का विचार रखता है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना को कब तक कार्यान्वित किया जायेगा?

रेल मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री अजय सिंह) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Rise/decrease in losses due to leakage of revenue in Railways

1195. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of rise, decrease in the losses in the Railways due to leakage of revenue during 1988, 1989 and 1990, till date;

(b) what are the areas of revenue where leakage is identified; and

(c) what measures have been taken/proposed to be taken by Government to plug the loopholes to curb the malpractices and to identify the persons involved in corrupt practices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) The amount of leakage is not quantifiable.

(b) Ticketless travel, carriage of unbooked luggage and parcels, resale/reuse of tickets, sale of fake tickets, underweighment of consignment and non-accountal of catering sales etc.

(c) Steps taken to prevent leakage of revenue include measures like frequent inspections, regular ticket checking including massive concentrated checks etc.

Besides, vigilance organisation conduct preventive checks in areas where leakage takes place and investigate complaints received from various sources to bring the defaulters to book.

While charges, as due, are recovered from the defaulting rail passengers, in some cases defaulters are also prosecuted.

Action is also taken against erring railway staff in proven cases of misdemeanour.

Standard of Indian test laboratories

1196. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry has suggested that the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) should equip Indian test laboratories to arrange for their accredition with European Community authorities so that the test certificates could be issued in India itself;

(b) if so, what is the further reaction of the Government on suggestions made by PHDCCI; and

(c) what other changes BIS propose to make in their testing laboratories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. However, according to the information made available by the European community, there is no formalised accredition of laboratories prevailing in the Community. Hence, mutual acceptance of test reports amongst the EC and India will be on the basis of bilateral agreements between the member countries of EC and India.

(b) The Government of India is already aware of the need for having such an arrangement.

(c) With a view to improve the acceptability of Indian products already subjected to certification and testing in the Indian laboratories, it is necessary that the testing laboratories and the quality assurance sys-

tems are in line with those prevailing in advanced countries, particularly European Community. For this purpose, expertise in upgradation of laboratories in certain selected sectors is being obtained by BIS and concerned agencies. The objective is to set up a few model laboratories of high standing through the assistance programme which could eventually be extended to cover the vast needs in the country.

Revamping, Expansion and Modernisation of Fertilizer Plants

1197. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fertilizer Workers' Federation of India has urged the Central Government to undertake immediate revamping technological upgradation, expansion and modernisation of the old fertilizer plants in the country;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to revamp the old fertilizer plants to increase the capacity utililsation in the fertilizer sector; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMEN IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the Fertilizer Worker's Federation have confined their suggestions to revamping etc. of the plants of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) and Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) only.

(b) to (d) Following steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to improve the operation/efficiency of the plants of HFC and FCI.

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It is proposed to revamp Durgapur Barauni, Namrup-I and II operating units and also Haldia fertilizer project of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation, the details of which are given below:—

Name of the Unit	Amount of Investment (Rs. crores)
(i) Durgapur . . .	35·66
(ii) Barauni . . .	26·65
(iii) Namrup-I . . .	9·10
(iv) Namrup-II . . .	26·43
(v) Haldia . . .	200·95

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(i) Revamping of Gorakhpur plant at a cost of Rs. 66.65 crores has been approved for revamping old urea plant and additions/replacements of critical equipments in the ammonta plant. However, work would be started only after the receipt of the report of health study of the plant currently being carried out by the Projects and Development India Limited.

(ii) Sindri Revamping Scheme for Sindri Modernisation plant, costing Rs. 18.00 crores, is currently under implementation.

(iii) It is proposed to undertake Phase-I of the rehabilitation, including captive power plant, for Ramagundam plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 102.31 crores.